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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

After years of paying for miserably poor internet & phone service from AT&T, which increased costs by ten and twenty percent per year, I switched to Sonic.net. Since that switch I have received the best service ever. Under my plan I pay less than I did to AT&T yet receive so much more: no more toll calls to friends & relations who lived more than ten miles away but rather free calling across the country, even to friends & relations living on the east coast; no more maddening robocalls every hour on the hour but instead at most one or two per day; no more hostility, no more unadulterated sarcasm, when I make a service call but instead courtesy & civility.

Please don't let AT& T and other monopolistic providers wipe out the competition. If you do, you will condemn retired people like me, living on a strict budget, to be at the mercy of the telecom behemoths, those who care nothing for what service they can provide in exchange for our limited dollars so much as for what they can extract from us, item by item, dime by dime.

Sincerely,

Andre Safar